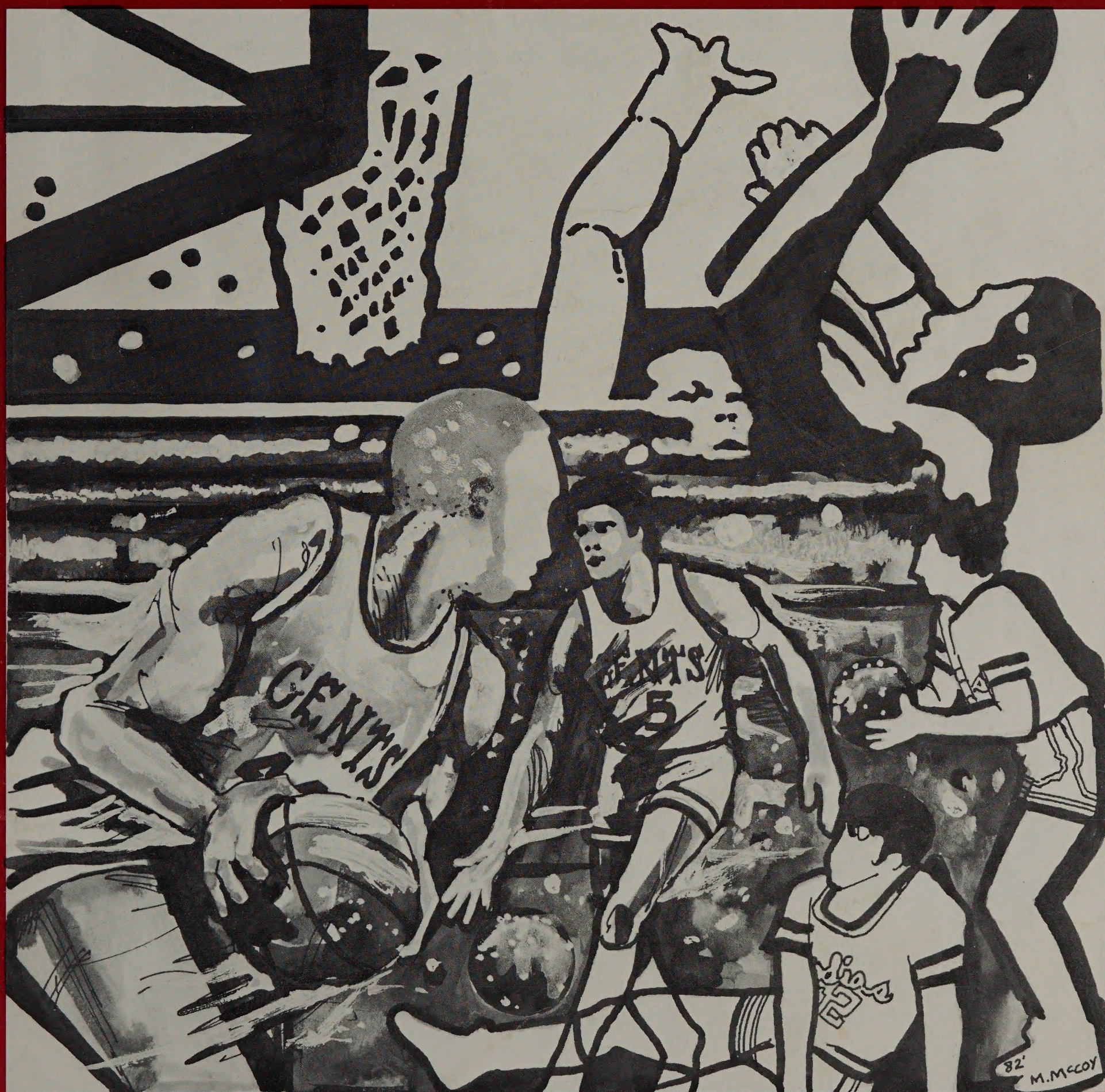
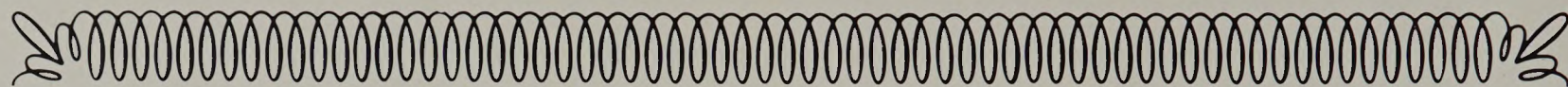


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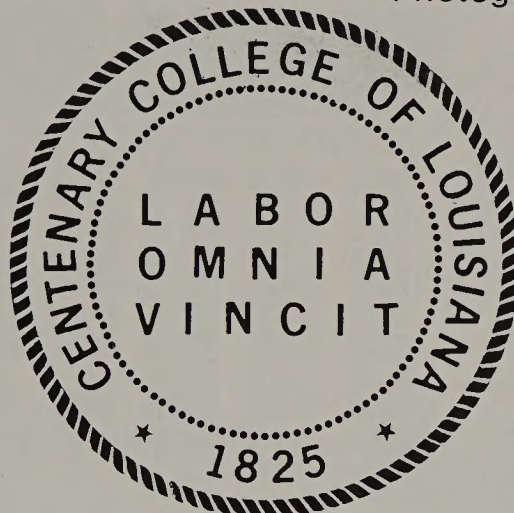
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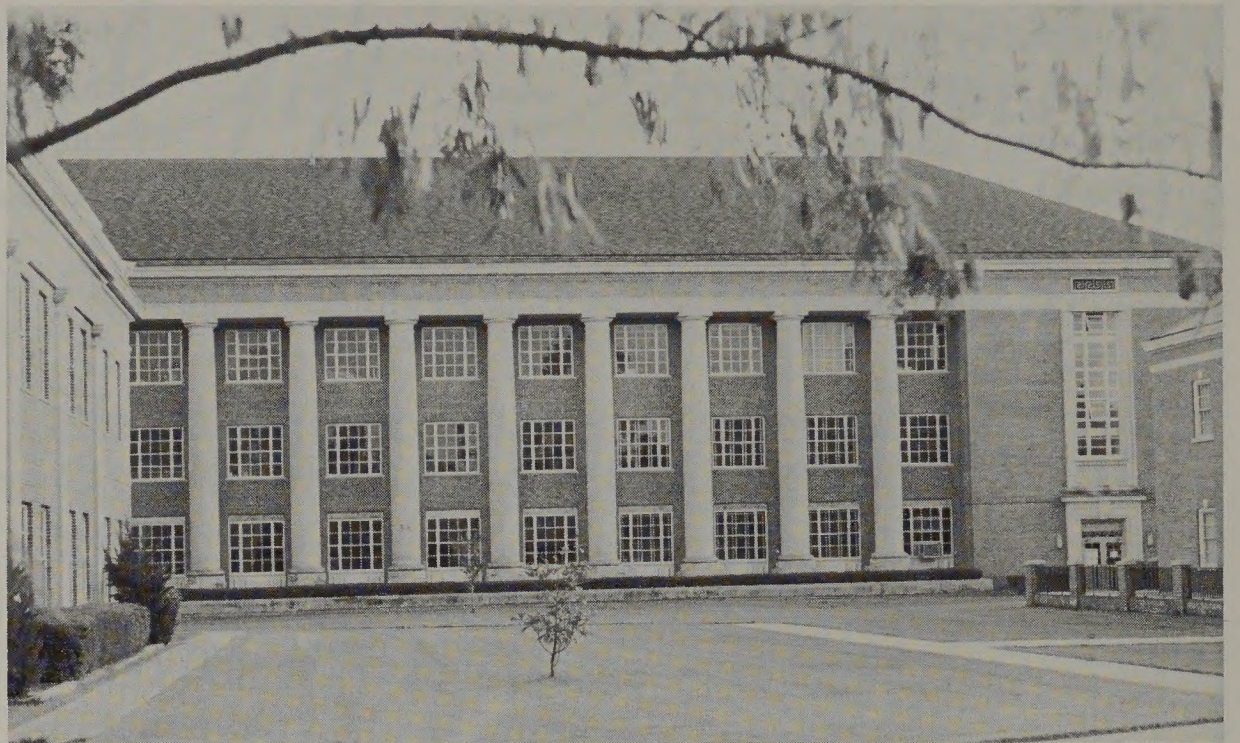
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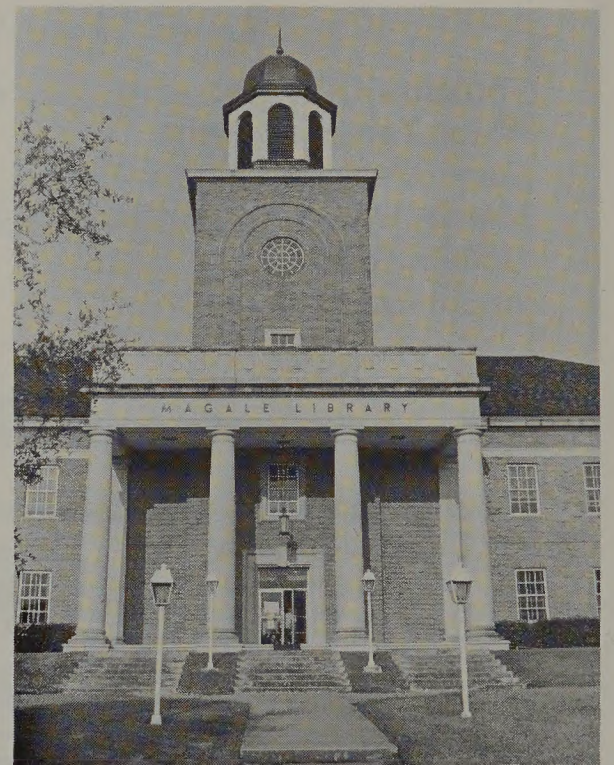


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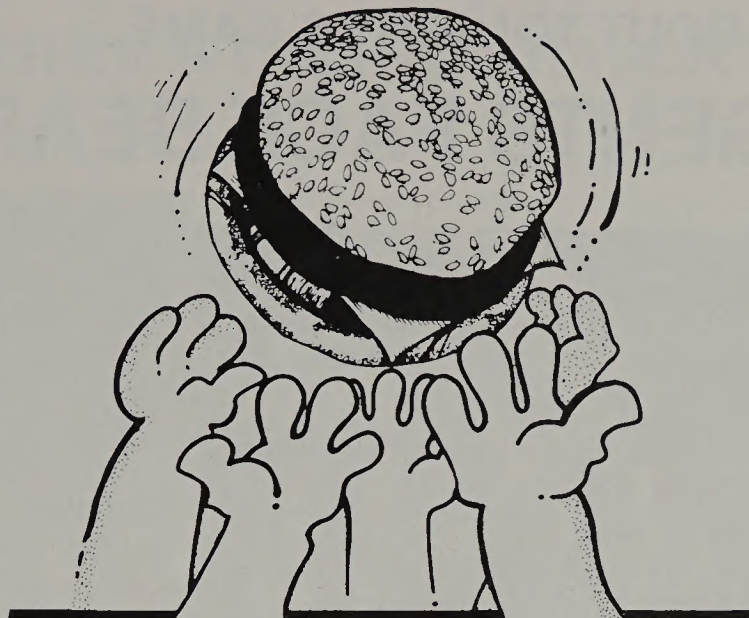
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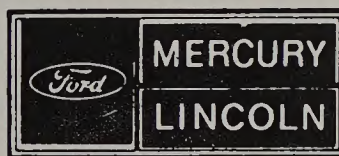


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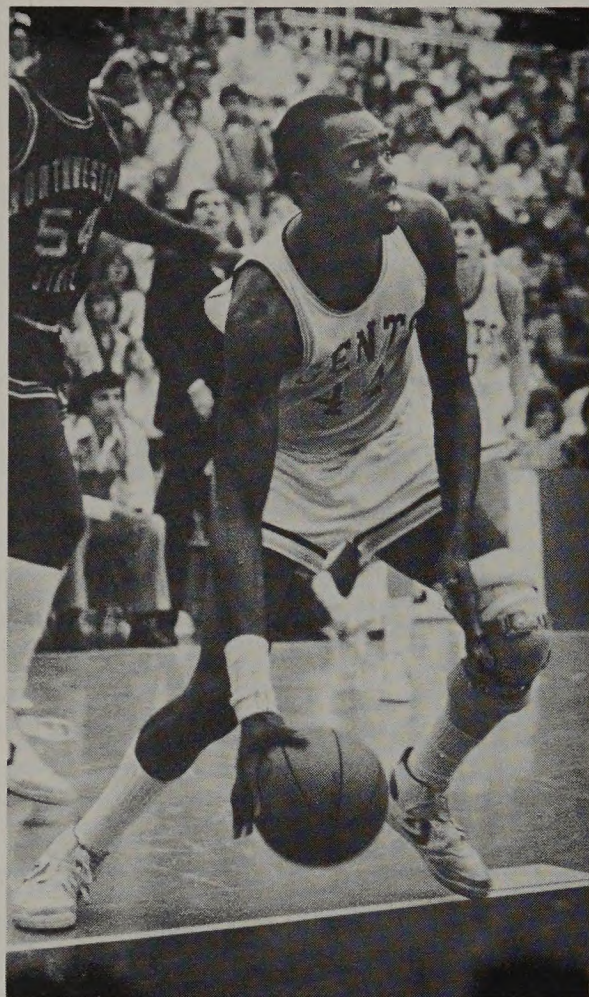
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GENTS FACE BEARS IN FINAL HOME GAME



Centenary College concludes its regular season at home tonight against Mercer University in a key Trans America Athletic Conference basketball game here in the Gold Dome.

This will be the final home game of the season for the Gents, along with six seniors, before ending the regular season at Samford University on Saturday, in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Mercer Bears, 15-9 overall and 7-7 in TAAC action, defeated the Gents earlier in the year in Macon 74-64. The Gents, 14-10 overall and 8-6 in TAAC play, were held to 64 points, 10 below their season average, and shot a mere 43 percent (25-58) from the field and 60 percent (14-23) from the charity stripe the first time around.

On the other side of the ledger, the Bears shot a blistering 61 percent (26-42) from the field and out-rebounded the Gents 42-26. Although the Gents fell behind 33-28

at the half, the game was tied six times and Centenary held a six point lead midway into the first period.

Willie Jackson led the Gents in scoring with a game-high 20 points, 16 in the first half, while Cherokee "Chief" Rhone and Steve Burkhalter each scored 10. Mercer placed four players in double figures — Travis Johnson scored 16, while Tony Bolds and Tony Gattis each scored 14 and Morris Thompson 13.

"We didn't guard them very good," said coach Tommy Vardeman about the first meeting. "If we give up 90 points again like we did Monday night against Northwestern, then we will lose for sure. Over there last month, we just did not hit a lick. If we don't have a mental letdown, I feel we can stoke-em okay."

Mercer and Centenary have met on the hardwood only three times. This will be the first home and home meeting in the same year for these two clubs. The Bears hold a slim 2-1 advantage keyed on their 74-64 victory back in January. The Gents lone victory came midway through the 1981 season when Centenary downed Mercer in Macon 77-72.

Mercer won the TAAC Tournament last year, downing Houston Baptist University in the finals, and represented the conference in the NCAA. The opponent for Mercer was Arkansas, with Mercer going down in defeat 73-67.

The last time out both Centenary and Mercer lost key TAAC games. The Gents suffered a 90-88 setback, ending a six game winning streak, to Northwestern State on Monday here in the Gold Dome.

Jackson scored a game-high 30 points, his seventh 30 point or more game of the season, in the two-point loss, while Rhone scored 20 and Burkhalter 14. Rhone led the Gents in rebounding with a game-high 11 caroms.

The Bears also lost at home to the Northeast Louisiana Indians in overtime 66-65. Morris Thompson led

Mercer with 12 points, while three players scored 10 points — Tony Gattis, Tony Bolds and Travis Johnson.

Tommy Canterbury, a graduate of Louisiana Tech in 1970, is in his fourth season at Centenary and holds a current record of 60-65 in that period. Canterbury took over in the middle of the 1976-77 season and guided the team to a 6-9 finish. During the 1979-80 season he led the Gents to a 15-14 season and the TAAC tournament championship.

Bill Bibb holds a current record of 196-96 at Mercer. Bibb, a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan in 1957, led the Bears to the TAAC tournament championship last season and a first-round loss to the University of Arkansas.

Centenary will start Willie Jackson (6-5, So., 22.9 points, 9.8 rebounds) and Steve Burkhalter (6-4, Sr., 7.5 points, 1.9 rebounds) at the forwards, Rhone (6-9, Sr., 13.6 points, 7.7 rebounds) at center and Reggie Hurd (6-1, Fr., 8.3 points, 34 steals) and Napoleon Byrdsong (5-11, Jr., 5.2 points, 126 assists) at the guards.

Mercer will start Bolds (6-7, So., 10.5 points, 4.5 rebounds) and Darryl Burton (6-5, Jr., 5.8 points, 5.1 rebounds) at the forwards, Johnson (6-8, Sr., 10.4 points, 6.1 rebounds) at center and Larry Keller (6-3, Jr., 3.1 points, 1.3 rebounds) and Morris Thompson (6-4, Sr., 12.1 points, 2.8 rebounds) at the guards.

Napoleon Byrdsong only needs 13 more assists to pass Barry McLeod and become the Centenary all-time leader in assists. Byrdsong picked up seven assists last Monday against Northwestern State. Jackson, in scoring 30 points against Northwestern, is now fifth on the 30 point or more games with eight. The stocky 6-5 Jackson passed up Barrie Haynie who had seven.

'81-'82 OUTLOOK

A HEALTHY FRONT LINE... ANOTHER WINNING SEASON



According to Centenary head basketball coach Tommy Canterbury foresight is always better than hindsight.

Canterbury knows what last year could have been. Centenary was bidding for its second Trans America Athletic Conference championship in as many years until Gent All-America candidate Cherokee Rhone injured his left knee forcing him to the sidelines for the remainder of the season. In all Rhone missed 12 games. On the other hand, though, Canterbury knows the potential of his '81-'82 squad.

There's no secret to the Gentlemen's '81-'82 attack. It's Cherokee Rhone, Centenary's 6-9, senior, center, from Springhill, Louisiana. In addition, for the second consecutive year Canterbury is enriched with a solid nucleus from which to begin. With three returning starters, two part-time starters, and 12 returning lettermen, Canterbury feels confident Centenary will capture its third consecutive winning season.

"Experience is a factor in our favor," Canterbury said. "We are solid in two key positions that are usually not flexible, at center and point guard. We are also going to be more than adequate in the two non-flexible positions, at the forwards."

At center, Rhone, a first team TAAC selection for the last two years and newcomer of the

year in 1980, is one of the premier players in the country. He is an excellent team player and last year averaged 18.4 points and 9.0 rebounds per game while shooting 65 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free throw line. Napoleon Byrdsong, Centenary's point guard, led the Gents in assists last year handing out 5.6 a game while averaging 7.3 points per game. He also led the team in steals with 37.

The Gents also return Willie Jackson, a 6-5, 190, sophomore, from Sibley, Louisiana. Jackson was newcomer of the year in the TAAC in 1981 (the second consecutive year a Centenary player was honored) and averaged 17.2 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. He led the team in blocked shots with 45.

But perhaps the key factor for Centenary this year will be Eric Bonner. A sophomore from Shreveport, Louisiana, Bonner started in nine games while averaging 6.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

"Bonner is going to be an important factor for us this year," Canterbury explained. "He can play as a forward or as a center. Either way, we are going to have to give Cherokee a rest at least 5 to 6 minutes a game. Eric is going to have to grow up real fast. He has the potential to be a real good basketball player, however, we realize potential does not win games."

Although Centenary appears solid in three positions, Canterbury is very optimistic that the Gents will be healthy this year. "Obviously whether or not we stay healthy is of utmost importance," Canterbury said. "I have never had the injury problems that I had last year. It's a variable you can't control. At one time last year we had to reach for our 8, 9, and 10th men. When you have to start the middle of your roster, it's going to show."

"There were some positive things that came out of it though. A lot of our young players were put under fire right away. We were able to see what they could do early. That's not the way I like to bring them along, although we still secured a winning season."

In the backcourt, Centenary lost its best perimeter shooter, Steve Kelly, to graduation. The Gentlemen have three experienced returning guards and two newcomers to fill the vacancy. Lorin George, a 6-5, 190, junior, from Gray, Louisiana averaged 4.2 points, Steve Burkhalter, a 6-4, 175, senior, from Ruston, Louisiana averaged 3.3 points, and Greg Haddox, a 5-11, 165, senior, from Ruston, Louisiana averaged .6 points per game.

"We only had two available scholarships," Canterbury said. "It was most important that we signed a point guard. With Haddox, George, and Burkhalter returning I am pleased to fill the vacancy with Reginald Hurd (a 6-1, 160, freshman, from Dallas, Texas) and Chris Weaver (a 6-3, 175, freshman, from Ashland, Louisiana). Hurd averaged 23 points a game in high school."

"Because of Cherokee's inside strength, we see a lot of zones," Canterbury mentioned. "Therefore, it's important that our younger players pick up the slack. I feel we have the people, we just need to get the most out of them."

Rusty Ward, a 6-6, 195, senior, should provide the Gents with some extra fire power. Ward averaged 8.4 points and 4.3 rebounds per game while starting in 17. He is slated to start at a forward position along with Jackson, however, there are four other Gents capable of stepping in at anytime.

"Greg (Smith), Jerry (Smith), Morgan (Sanders), and Jimmy (Disbrow) are going to provide us with some depth. But let me say it's going to be very important for them to provide us with a lot of consistency. These players are going to make the difference whether or not we have a winning season."

The Gentlemen's biggest concern for the '81-'82 season centers around Centenary's health status. If the Gents stay in tact and the younger players come around early in the year, it will be another banner year for Centenary.

"I feel that our group will rebound from last year's weak second half," Canterbury said. "And I feel we can make a run at the conference championship. Barring injuries, it's a very realistic goal."

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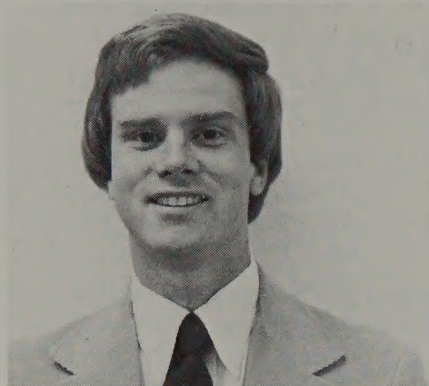
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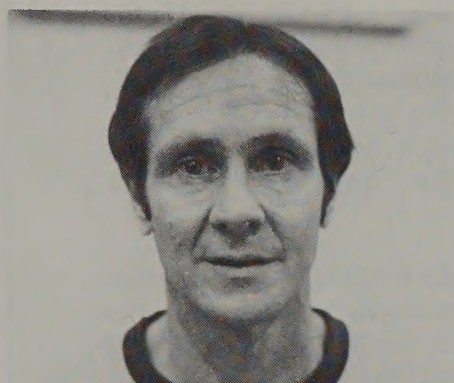
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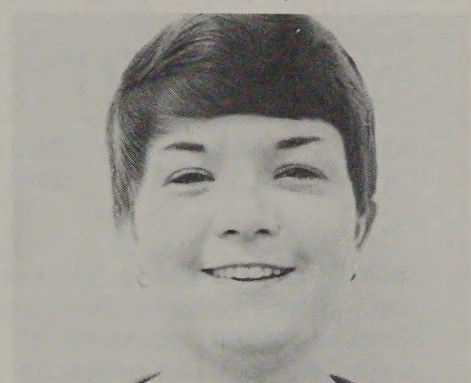
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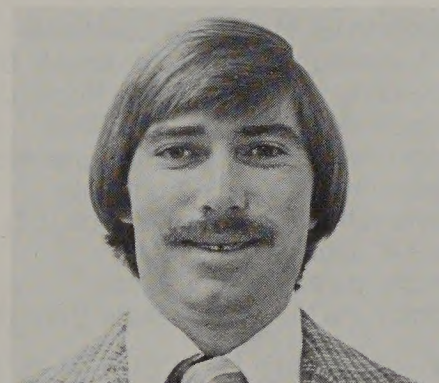
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Gent Basketball Statistics After 24 Games

HOME: 8-4
ROAD: 6-6

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	ST	REB-AVG	PTS-AVG
Jackson	24-24	217-410	.529	115-161	.714	86-8	29	64	22	36	237-9.8	549-22.8
Rhone	24-24	101-183	.551	125-167	.748	84-6	25	66	14	19	185-7.7	327-13.6
Hurd	23-13	84-198	.424	23-36	.638	35-3	46	47	5	34	21-0.9	191-8.3
Burkhalter	24-16	64-133	.481	52-66	.787	53-1	64	39	1	21	46-1.9	180-7.5
Ward	22-10	57-134	.425	22-34	.647	58-4	22	25	4	5	40-1.8	136-6.1
Bonner	24-6	48-105	.457	26-42	.619	58-4	9	25	7	8	107-4.4	122-5.1
Byrdsong	23-21	34-88	.386	53-80	.662	74-4	126	64	2	36	37-1.6	121-5.2
Bailey	17-3	19-40	.475	12-18	.666	19-0	6	11	1	6	25-1.4	50-2.9
George	13-4	22-72	.305	2-2	1.000	13-0	4	6	3	4	16-1.2	46-3.5
Sanders	15-0	13-25	.520	5-12	.416	19-0	3	4	0	0	23-1.5	30-2.0
Haddox	11-0	8-21	.363	5-6	.833	3-0	3	3	0	1	4-0.4	21-1.9
Smith G.	9-0	3-7	.428	6-10	.600	11-0	2	3	1	0	13-1.4	12-1.3
Weaver	3-0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-0	0	0	0	1	0-0.0	2-0.6
Smith J.	4-0	1-7	.142	0-0	.000	5-0	0	0	0	0	8-2.0	2-0.5
Disbrow	4-0	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1-0	1	2	0	0	1-0.2	1-0.2
GENT TOTALS	24-24	672-1426	.471	447-636	.702	520-25	328	358	66	175	830-34.5	1791-74.6
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Gent Team Rebounds: 69 (included in totals)
Opp. Team Rebounds: 69 (included in totals)
Gent Dead Ball Rebounds: 47
Opp. Dead Ball Rebounds: 53

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SEASON HIGH MARKS

Points — 35, Jackson vs. Northeast Louisiana
Rebounds — 19, Jackson vs. HSU, Rhone vs. SLU
FGM — 15, Jackson vs. Arkansas-Little Rock (UALR)
FGA — 27, Jackson vs. Arkansas-Little Rock
FTM — 17, Jackson vs. Northeast Louisiana (NLU)
FTA — 21, Jackson vs. Northeast Louisiana
Assists — 11, Byrdsong vs. Louisiana Tech (LT)
Blocked Shots — 3, Jackson vs. HSU
Steals — 5, Byrdsong vs. Montana State
Jackson vs. Morehead State Univ. (MSU)

Points Scored — 98 vs. Montana State (MS)
FGM — 36, vs. California State (CS)
FGA — 76, vs. University of New Orleans (UNO)
Best FG% — .593 vs. Northwestern State (NSU)
FTM — 38 vs. Hardin-Simmons University (HSU)
FTA — 46 vs. Hardin-Simmons University
Best FT% — .857 (24-28) vs. Northwestern State
Rebounds — 45, vs. Montana State
Steals — 14, vs. Mississippi College (MC)

GAME BY GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Site/Att.	Leading Scorer	Rebounder
Nov. 28	Montana State	W, 98-85	Home (2,793)	Jackson, 30	Jackson, 13
Nov. 30	Southeastern Louisiana	L, 56-57	Home (1,784)	Jackson, 17	Rhone, 14
Dec. 5	Louisiana Tech	L, 62-63	Home (3,016)	Rhone, 28	Rhone, 12
Dec. 10	Mississippi College	W, 83-61	Home (1,395)	Jackson, 33	Jackson, 10
Dec. 12	University of Arkansas	L, 60-87	Away (9,065)	Jackson, 18	Bonner, 7
Dec. 14	Arkansas-Little Rock	L, 70-78	Away (1,500)	Jackson, 21	Jackson, 9
Dec. 19	California State	W, 85-75	Home (1,299)	Jackson, 31	Jackson, 10
Jan. 4	U. of New Orleans	L, 79-83	Away (2,326)	Jackson, 29	Bonner, Jackson, 7
Jan. 5	Morehead State U.	W, 80-74	Away (3,186)	Jackson, 28	Jackson, 15
Jan. 9	Northeast Louisiana U.	L, 66-104	Away (3,520)	Byrdsong, 15	Rhone, 8
Jan. 11	Louisiana Tech	W, 65-64	Away (2,450)	Jackson, 26	Jackson, 13
Jan. 15	Houston Bapt. U.	W, 82-72	Away (1,115)	Hurd, 20	Jackson, 13
Jan. 18	Northwestern State U.	W, 75-73	Away (2,400)	Jackson, 21	Jackson, 11
Jan. 21	Arkansas-Little Rock	L, 82-87	Home (1,694)	Jackson, 34	Jackson, 12
Jan. 23	Hardin-Simmons U.	W, 75-62	Home (1,474)	Jackson, 20	Jackson, 19
Jan. 25	Georgia Southern Col.	L, 66-67 OT	Away (2,047)	Hurd, 20	Rhone, 10
Jan. 27	Mercer U.	L, 64-74	Away (1,123)	Jackson, 20	Rhone, 7
Feb. 1	Southeastern La.	W, 84-75	Away (1,800)	Rhone, 21	Rhone, 19
Feb. 4	Samford University	W, 86-86 OT	Home (1,615)	Jackson, 31	Jackson, 15
Feb. 6	Georgia Southern Col.	W, 61-51	Home (1,582)	Jackson, 26	Jackson, 8
Feb. 8	Northeast La. Univ.	W, 88-71	Home (2,260)	Jackson, 35	Rhone, 11
Feb. 13	Houston Baptist U.	W, 58-54	Home (1,732)	Rhone, 25	Jackson, 7
Feb. 18	Hardin-Simmons U.	W, 78-69	Away (1,100)	Rhone, 26	Jackson, 10
Feb. 22	Northwestern State U.	L, 88-90	Home (3,286)	Jackson, 30	Rhone, 11

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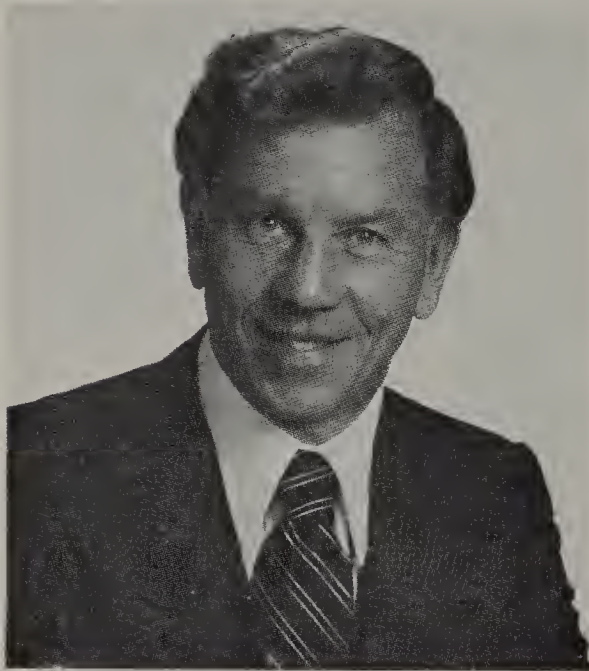
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So are the words of Centenary's easy going dynamic President, Dr. Donald A. Webb.

It is certainly a tribute to the Centenary athletic department to have such a strong supporter as they do in Dr. Donald A. Webb.

Dr. Webb takes the necessary time from a busy schedule on campus and in the community to stay constantly abreast of Centenary athletics.

"The thing that amazes me about athletics," Webb said, "is that more than anything else, it brings so obviously to the surface, the excellence in our students."

"Here we are, a school with an enrollment of only 1,200, yet we can be proud of 14 All-Americans in different sports, with two athletes that are the best in their field.

"It's the kind of marvelous mystery one cannot but enjoy working with.

"I'll do everything I can to foster and support our athletic program. And I will certainly be at every basketball game I'm able to attend."

The dynamic Webb has an impressive past interlaced with activities in sports. He played soccer and rugby while living in his native Britain, then coached rugby at Drew University for three years.

Dr. Webb is a constant man in motion, traveling around the country and speaking in his entertaining and moving style.

Webb received his early education at King's private school and Cambridge University. Spending eight years as a British Royal Navy officer, Webb's last three were as Commanding Officer of the ship, H.M.S. Switha.

Webb's interest in the ministry and higher education brought him and his family to the United States in 1958. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ohio Wesleyan in 1960 and earned a Master of Divinity degree three years later from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Webb's next degree came at Drew University — site of his rugby coaching — with a doctorate in 1966. He went back to The Methodist Theological School where he worked as a theology and literature professor, vice president and chief development officer.

Webb has found the additional time to author two plays and publish several articles. He and his wife Renee have five children and eight grandchildren.



Walt Stevens

Walt C. Stevens Jr., endowed with an extreme background as an administrator, was appointed director of athletics at Centenary College August 11 and immediately began the task of restructuring the athletic department.

Three words, class, dynamic, and enthusiastic, can best describe the new director. A native of Macon, Georgia, the 52-year old Stevens was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in 1951. He later earned a Masters degree from Louisiana Tech and spent 30 years in the Air Force.

While in the Air Force, Stevens served in the National Military Intelligence Center at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. In addition, he served on the Staff for Intelligence at Barksdale Air Force Base until his retirement February 1, 1981.

"I always wanted to get back into athletics," the new director stated. "I am real happy to have the privilege to work with such a fine organization here at Centenary. Centenary College is going to maintain a strong heritage in college athletics while I'm here. Centenary can become the envy of every college in the country of its size."

Stevens originally came to Centenary in February and went to work as the Development Counselor in charge of raising academic and athletic scholarships at Centenary. He was very successful and showed excellent administrative skills.

From 1957-60 Stevens coached freshman basketball and baseball at Georgia Tech. He studied under the legendary Bobby Dodd who coached at Georgia Tech for 30 years.

Walt is married to Caroline Stillwell Stevens. They are the parents of five children.

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HEAD COACH



When Centenary head basketball coach Tommy Canterbury accepted the head position in midstream four years ago, he didn't promise a championship, but he did vow to rebuild the program and bring credibility to the college.

At 34, Tommy is one of the youngest coaches in the Trans America Athletic Conference. Born May 18, 1947 in Ruston, Louisiana, Canterbury earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies at Louisiana Tech in 1970. He went on and earned a Master's degree in Physical Education at Tech in 1970. Tommy is married to Carol Ann Thornhill of Columbia, Louisiana. They have one son, Chad, 7.

Although Canterbury has brought Centenary a TAAC Championship and two consecutive winning seasons, it hasn't been peaches and cream along the way. In his first season, Canterbury took over in midseason (1977) and finished the year with 6 wins and 9 losses. Canterbury's first full season wasn't much better. The head mentor finished the year 9-20.

It was Canterbury's second full season when Centenary went from Rags to Riches. The year started off slow, but by the time the last tally was in, Centenary had won its first TAAC Championship and recorded its first winning season since the Robert Parish era ended in 1976. The Gents finished the 1980 campaign 15-14.

Last season, Canterbury's bunch played well and finished the season at 16-12. It was the second consecutive winning season for Centenary, and had Gent All-America candidate Cherokee Rhone stayed healthy for the whole season, who knows what the final results might have indicated.

"I've made the statement saying we want a solid program that will result in winning teams year after year," coach Canterbury said. "I knew we would have to take a few steps back and make some major changes in order for our program to have a solid foundation. We went through two calendar years of losing before producing a successful calendar year. From midseason in 1977 to midseason in 1979 we were 16-37, but from 1979 to 1981 we have upped our season record to 30 and 18. That's what I want to stress."



When Canterbury and company began in 1978 they changed their whole recruiting philosophy. Canterbury decided to accent his recruiting to ball players in the south and to four year players.

"We want solid people," coach Canterbury emphasized. "I want freshmen to come here and play four years and leave with a degree. We're not interested in a player unless he's interested, not only in our program but in a college degree as well. When we recruit people we try to find players that are similar off the court in personalities because it tends to make them more cohesive on the court. In turn, they seem to play better. To get that type of player, that is good players and good people, we think background, interest, and personalities play a major role. It took us two years to find those type of players."

Canterbury has certainly found those type of players evidenced by the success he has obtained off and on the court the last two seasons. But the head coach doesn't take all the credit.

"I'm extremely fortunate to have a coach like Tommy Vardeman in my corner," Canterbury said. "He has been involved in recruiting college players 11 years now. He has coached championship teams at Louisiana Tech, here at Centenary, and at Henderson State University as well. His contributions are tremendously outstanding. Without Vardeman, it would be most difficult for this program to succeed."

Together Tommy and Tommy have guided the program in the right direction and have successfully put together a competitive winning team. They have spent countless hours scouting and searching for the right chemistry, and in that chemistry, there is one major element Canterbury talks about.

"If there is one thing that I am trying to do more than anything else, it's getting away from a one-player situation," Canterbury said. "It happened with Robert Parish, and it almost happened with The Chief (Cherokee Rhone). If Centenary has a star, we don't want our program to be dependent on one player. We want All-Americans, but we want to build a solid program from top to bottom. That is a sign of a solid program. If a team can produce 500 or above with or without superstars is the bottom line. I believe we have insured our program."

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"I'm not bashful or shy," Vardeman contends. "I get along with everybody. I don't like anyone to city slick me. I like em to be up front and tell me exactly where they stand."

At 39, Vardeman stands 6-4 and weighs 210. Entering his 16th season of coaching Vardeman graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a B.S. in Physical Education in 1965. He began coaching ninth grade basketball at Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Texas. From there Vardeman spent the next three years at Crosby, Channelview, and Liberty-Eylau compiling a 76-36 record. In 1970, Tommy accepted the graduate assistant position at Louisiana Tech and stayed there one year, completing a Master's in Education. Then it was off to Missouri Baptist Junior College, where Vardeman was the head mentor for one year. From there, went to Henderson State University in Arkansas for two seasons, and then back to Tech as the head assistant for four more years. In 1978, Vardeman left coaching and went into private business, until head basketball coach Tommy Canterbury asked Vardeman to sign on at Centenary in 1980.

"I went into the wholesale jewelry business," coach Vardeman said with a slight grin. "I played a lot of golf that year, but I just fooled around with jewelry."

Born November 16, 1942 at Fort Worth, Texas, Tommy will again work with the Gentlemen on the floor in 1981-82. In addition, he will head the scouting and recruiting of future Centenary players.

The main thing about Tommy is the success he has had at every level of basketball. He has never had a losing season in 15 years of coaching. Vardeman's success centers around a strong positive approach to the game.

"I like to lay it out how it is," Vardeman said. "We tell our guys like it is. When we go out to play a game we go out and play the best we can and see what happens. However the outcome, after 40 minutes, it's over. We prepare our guys before the lights go on. When the game is over, it doesn't do any good to badger the players. These kids aren't robots, and besides our schedule is such that we can't afford to be thinking about the past. All the hollering and screaming after the game is useless."

Vardeman, however you describe him, is just a little country, in a lot of cowboy. He is married to the former Sharon Crocker of Garland, Texas. They are the parents of two daughters, Juli, 14, and Jennifer, 11.



CARL LIESMANN — TRAINER

At 46, Liesmann keeps the athletes at Centenary bandaged together while handling all the training duties.

Liesmann spent 13½ years in the Air Force, five years with the U.S. Postal Service, and five years as an assistant trainer at South Field High School, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Carl began training in the Air Force until a knee injury forced him into an early retirement. After his stay with the Postal Service, Carl studied under Sam Wilkerson (now the head trainer at Louisiana Tech) at Southfield High School for five years before coming to Centenary in 1977.

"I love being around the athletes," Liesmann stated. "It's the involvement I like the most. Just being a part of it all is what I enjoy."

Carl and his wife, Dorthy (from Hines-ton, Louisiana), have three children. One daughter, Angela, 13 and two sons, Warde, 21, and Wendell, 18.



DAVID KNIGHT — STUDENT TRAINER

From San Antonio, Texas, Dave will be the team manager for Centenary this season. David came to Centenary from Roosevelt High School in San Antonio. He spent one year at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas. . . a Physical Education Major, Dave is in his third season as a Gent.



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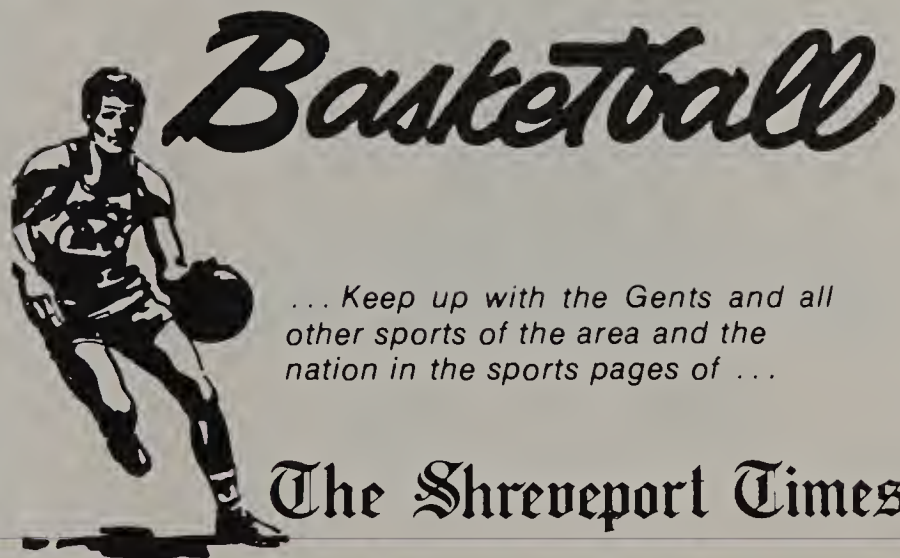
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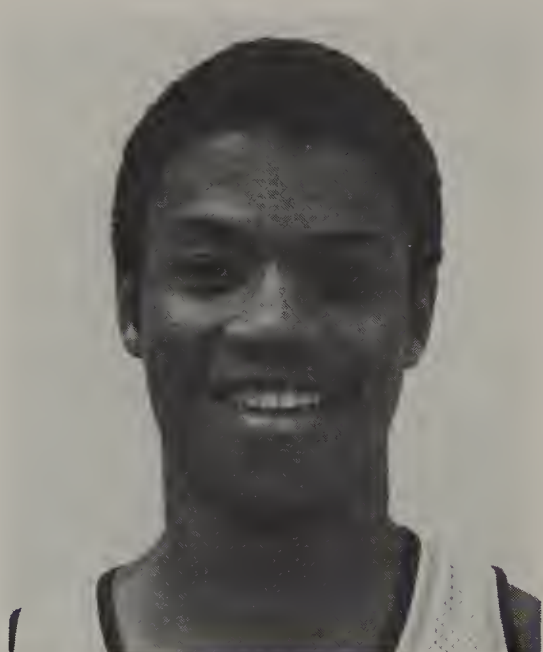
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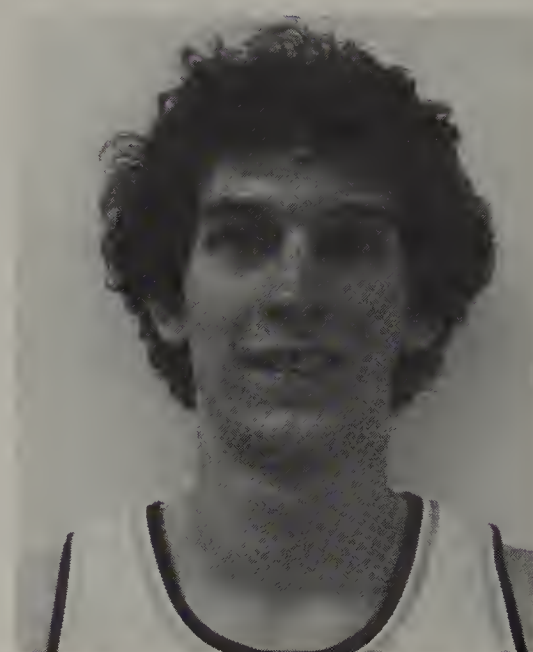
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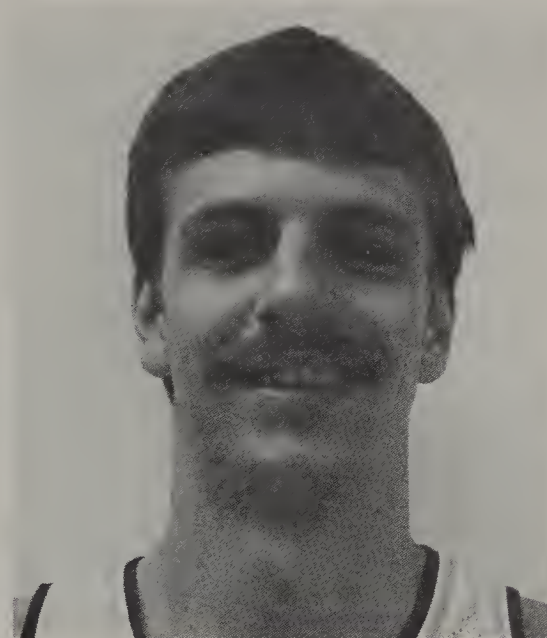
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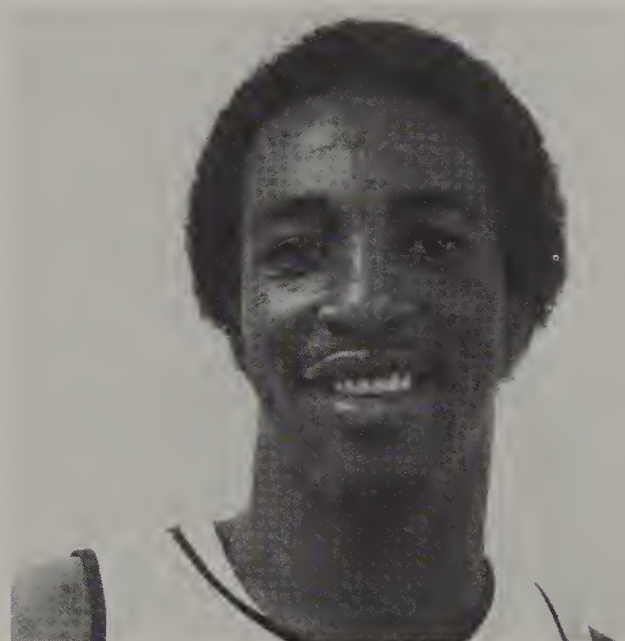
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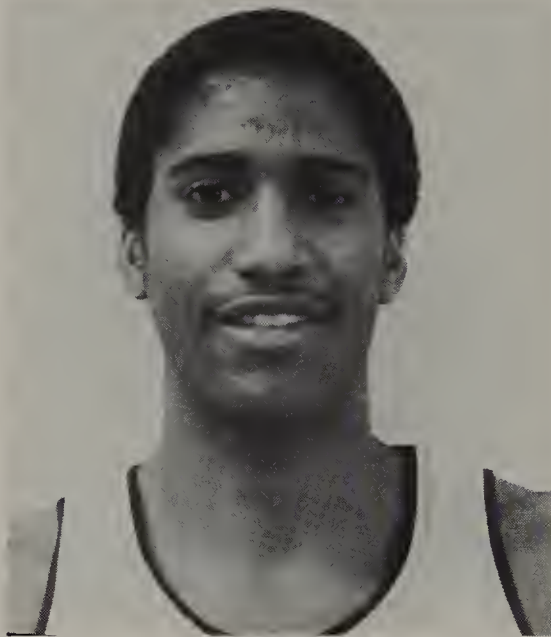
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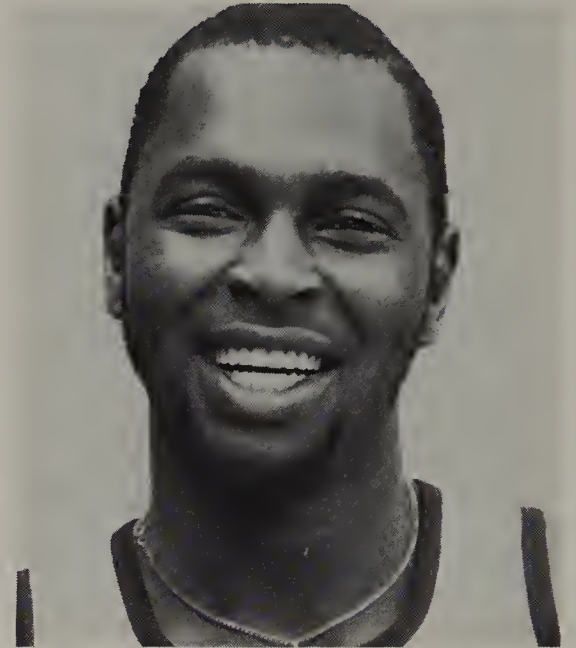
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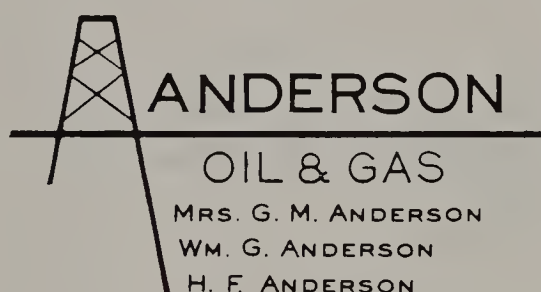
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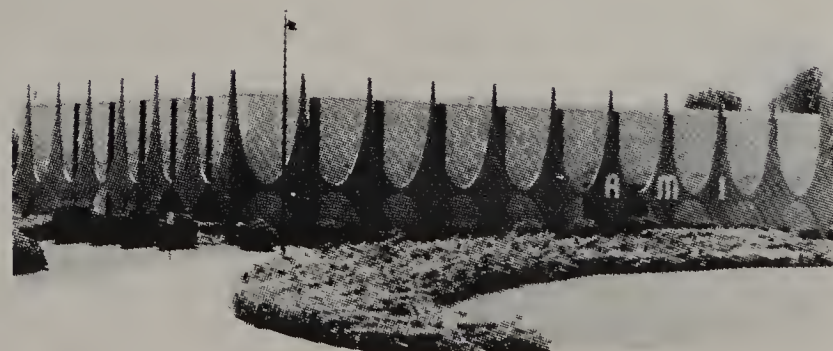
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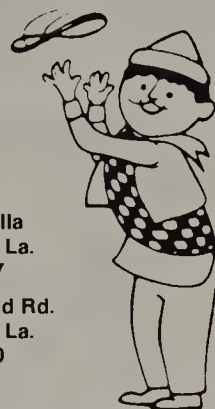
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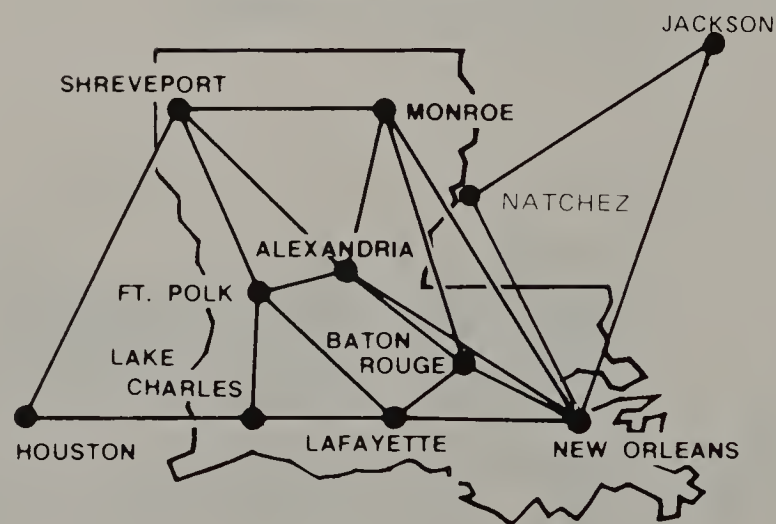


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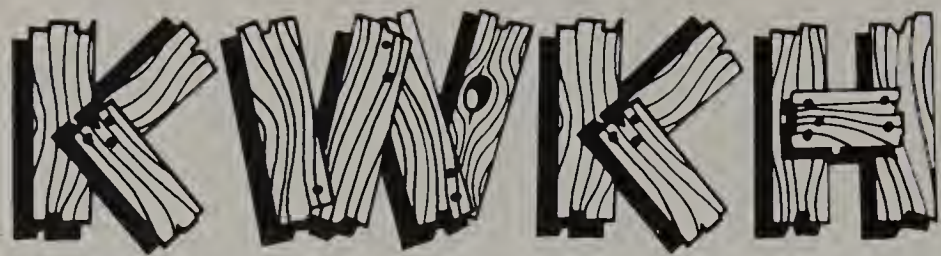
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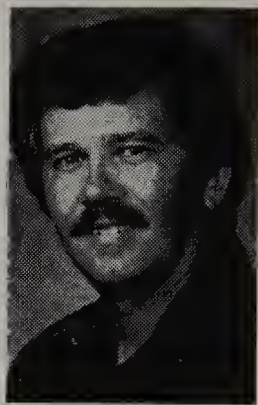
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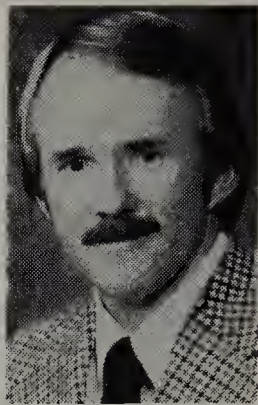
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Athletic Director: Bill Bibb



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NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	RPG	PPG
Tony Gattis	F	Sr.	6-7	215	6.8	16.2
Morris Thompson	G	Sr.	6-4	190	2.8	7.1
Terry Teague	G	Jr.	6-4	190	1.7	5.2
Travis Johnson	C	Sr.	6-8	205	3.1	3.3
Rodney Mosley	G	Sr.	5-10	155	0.8	2.3
Viviano Reaves	G	Sr.	6-3	170	0.4	0.4

All Newcomers

NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL/JC
Tony Bolds	F	So.	6-7	195	Charleston, S.C.	Lake City JC
Darryl Burton	F	Jr.	6-5	196	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Gadsden State JC
Anthony Bush	G	Jr.	6-0	175	Deland, Fla.	Indian River CC
Larry Keller	G	Jr.	6-3	180	Oberlin, Ohio	Lorain CC
Joe Kenis	C	Jr.	6-8	205	Albert Lea, Minn.	Enterprise State JC
Sam Mitchell	F	Fr.	6-6	185	Columbus, Ohio	Columbus HS
Melvin Randall	F	Fr.	6-4	210	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	South Plantation HS

SERIES INFORMATION

No. of Centenary wins 1
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Centenary's Last Win:
1-8-81 (77-72)

Mercer's Last Win:
1-27-82 (74-64)

1980-81 Record 18-12

1981-82 Schedule

Nov.	21	Windsor Ontario Canadians
	28	at Pan American
Dec.	2	Spring Hill College
	5	at Stetson
	8	at Univ. of Mississippi
	12	Jacksonville
	14	at Georgia State
	17	Florida International
	23	at Jacksonville
Jan.	2	Georgia State
	5	Hardin-Simmons
	9	Houston Baptist
	11	Arkansas-Little Rock
	16	at Georgia Southern
	18	Samford University
	21	at Northeast Louisiana
	23	at Northwestern State
	27	Centenary College
	30	Stetson
Feb.	6	at Hardin-Simmons
	8	at Arkansas-Little Rock
	10	Georgia Southern
	13	at Samford University
	17	Northwestern State
	20	Northeast Louisiana
	25	at Centenary College
	27	at Houston Baptist
Mar.	4-6	Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament at Monroe, Louisiana

MERCER UNIVERSITY 1981-82 Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
12	Rodney Mosley	G	5-10	155	Sr.	Gainsville, Fla.
15	Morris Thompson	G	6-4	190	Sr.	Durham, N.C.
20	Terry Teague	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.
21	Larry Keller	G	6-3	180	Jr.	Oberlin, Ohio
24	Darryl Burton	F	6-5	196	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tn.
25	Melvin Randall	G	6-4	210	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
32	Tony Bolds	F	6-7	195	So.	Charleston, S.C.
33	Travis Johnson	C	6-8	205	Sr.	Columbus, GA.
42	Sam Mitchell	F	6-6	185	Fr.	Columbus, GA.
44	Tony Gattis	F	6-7	215	Jr.	Burlington, N.C.

Head Coach: Bill Bibb
Assistant: Charles Warren

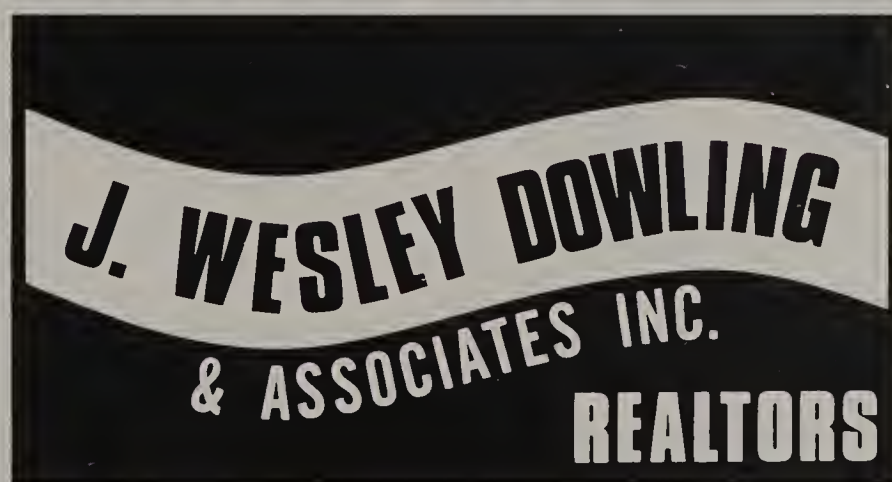
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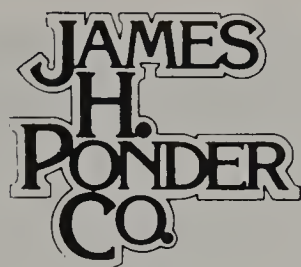
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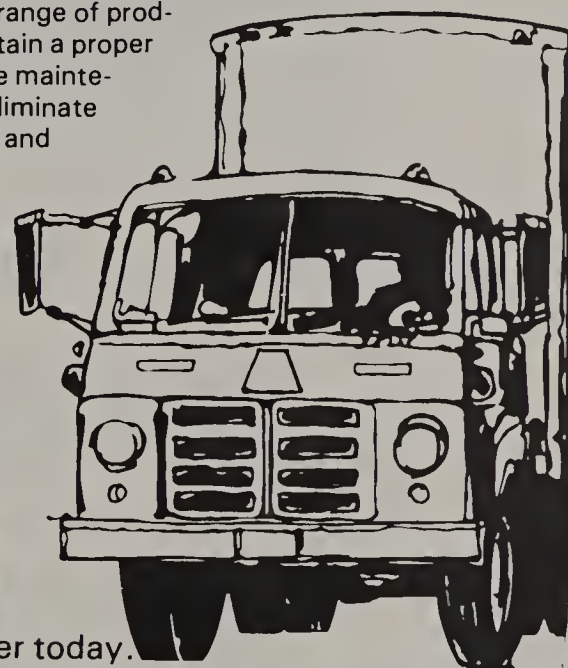
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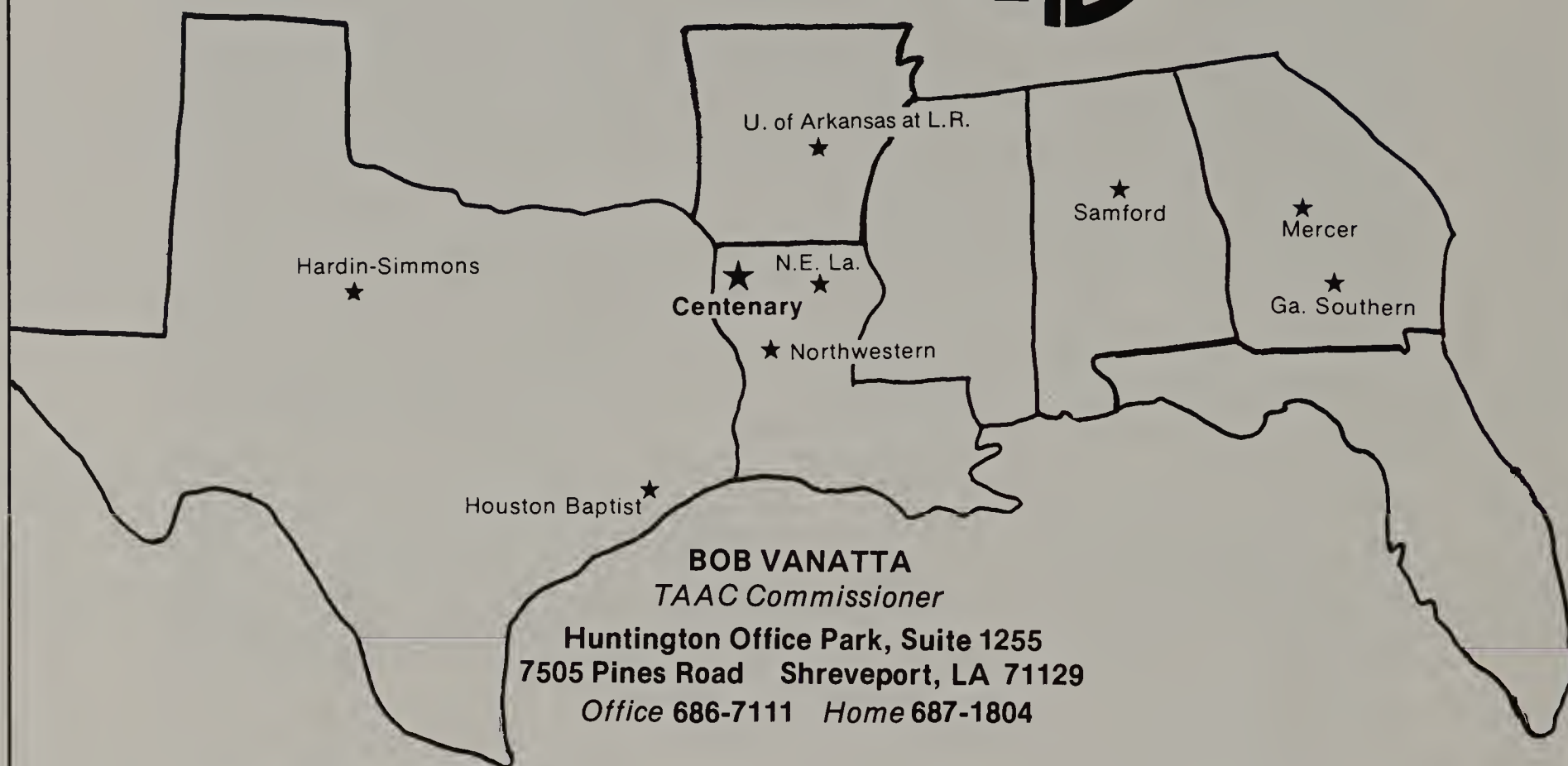
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December 5
Houston Baptist at Samford
December 7
Houston Baptist at Georgia Southern
December 12
Georgia Southern at Hardin-Simmons
December 14
Centenary College at Arkansas-Little Rock
December 18
Northeast Louisiana at Arkansas-Little Rock
Northwestern State at Houston Baptist
January 2
Houston Baptist at Northwestern State
January 5
Hardin-Simmons at Mercer
January 7
Hardin-Simmons at Georgia Southern
Samford at Arkansas-Little Rock
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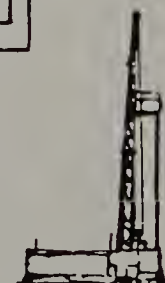
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	30 SOUTHEASTERN LA.	56	57		23 *HARDIN-SIMMONS U.	75	62
Dec.	5 LOUISIANA TECH	62	63	Feb.	25 *Georgia Southern	66	67
	10 MISSISSIPPI COL.	83	61		27 *Mercer	64	74
	12 University of Arkansas	60	87		1 Southeastern	84	75
	14 *Arkansas-Little Rock	70	78		4 *SAMFORD (OT)	86	85
	19 CALIFORNIA STATE	85	75		6 *GEORGIA SOUTHERN	61	51
Jan.	4 Hatter Classic (Univ. of New Orleans)	79	83	Mar.	8 *NORTHEAST LA.	88	71
	5 Hatter Classic	80	74		13 *HOUSTON BAPTIST	58	54
	9 *Northeast Louisiana	66	104		18 *Hardin-Simmons	78	69
	11 Louisiana Tech	65	64		22 *NORTHWESTERN ST.	88	90
	15 *Houston Baptist	82	72		25 *MERCER	—	—
	19 *Northwestern State	75	73		27 *Samford	—	—

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Date	Opponent	Ladies	Opp.	Date	Opponent	Ladies	Opp.
Nov.	2 Ouachita Baptist	78	76(OT)	Dec.	19 GRAMBLING	82	71
	7 East Texas Baptist	86	55		Jan. 7 OUACHITA BAPTIST	67	71
	11 LSU-ALEXANDRIA	107	29	Feb.	9 Northeast Louisiana	59	84
	17 Southern Arkansas	84	46		16 Henderson State	93	75
	19 Wiley College	75	79		19 Northwestern State	76	60
	* 21 Louisiana College	70	71(OT)		20 Panola JC	52	55
	23 Tyler JC	64	101		† 22 Millsaps College	74	47
	28 ALCORN STATE	80	77(OT)		† 23 Bellhaven (2-OT)	85	80
	30 LSU-Alexandria	90	44		27 Wiley College	94	65
Dec.	3 Arkansas-Camden	55	75		4 Southern Arkansas	92	45
	5 EAST TEXAS BAPTIST	58	47		6 Panola	75	58
	7 TYLER JC	68	57		8 Northeast	81	67
	10 COL. OF THE OZARKS	70	63		22 Northwestern	53	65
	12 University of Arkansas	47	67				
	15 Arkansas-Monticello	86	57				
	17 LOUISIANA COLLEGE	82	71				

ALL HOME GAMES IN CAPS

* Louisiana College forfeit, played illegal player.

† Millsaps Tournament

1981-82 CENTENARY CHEERLEADERS



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GOLD DOME RECORDS INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

Most Points—42, GEORGE LETT, Centenary vs. Georgia Southern, Feb. 7, 1979.

Most Field Goal Attempts—30, CHARLES WHITE, East Tennessee vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 29, 1971 (made 14); BOBBY WHITE, Centenary vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976 (made 15).

Most Field Goals Made—17, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973 (attempted 24); ERNIE HILL, Oklahoma City vs. Centenary, Jan. 6, 1979 (attempted 21).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts)—.900 (9-of-10), NATE BLAND, Centenary vs. Louisiana Tech, Dec. 1, 1973.

Most Free Throw Attempts—19, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (made 14).

Most Free Throws Made—14, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (attempted 19); RICK APKE, Creighton vs. Centenary, Feb. 5, 1977 (attempted 15).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (9-of-9) NORMAN SCULLARK, Centenary vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 13, 1979.

Most Rebounds—33, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists—16, MELVIN RUSSELL, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Turnovers—12, WALTER "Weasel" JOHNSON, North Texas State, Feb. 23, 1977.

TEAM SINGLE GAME

Most Points, Centenary—133 vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94), Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Visitors—116, Oklahoma City, vs. Centenary (116-93), Jan. 6, 1979.

Most Points, Two Teams—227 (Centenary 133, Hardin-Simmons 94), Feb. 5, 1976; 211 (North Texas State 107, Centenary 104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Fewest Points, Centenary—58, vs. Mid. Tennessee State (58-54), Jan. 3, 1980, and vs. Arkansas Tech (58-59), Dec. 10, 1979.

Fewest Points, Opponents—54, Mid. Tennessee State (54-58), Jan. 3, 1980.

Fewest Points, Two Teams—112 (Centenary 58, Mid. Tennessee State 54), Biggest Centenary Win—48 (Centenary 110, Wabash College 62), Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss—32 (Louisiana Tech 108, Centenary 76), Feb. 5, 1979.

MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Homecourt Winning Streaks—18, Nov. 30, 1973, through Jan. 7, 1975 (broken by Hawaii 79-78, on Jan. 9, 1975).

Longest Homecourt Losing Streak—4, in 1978-79.

WHERE THE GENTS PLAY



THE GOLD DOME

The geodesic Gold Dome is a landmark located just south of the main Centenary College campus. Besides housing the Centenary basketball team, the Gold Dome is a multi-purpose facility, constructed at a cost of \$1.3 million plus equipment.

With a seating capacity of 4,000, including cushioned armchairs on the upper level bleachers encircling the court, the Gents have a home court seldom equaled by schools of its size.

Unique features of the structure include a Tartan floor, indirect lighting and the attractive gold anodized aluminum dome. The completely air-conditioned facility contains office space for the athletic and physical education departments, two classrooms, including one of the theater variety, and four large carpeted dressing rooms.

Like the building itself, the basketball court is a multi-purpose area, easily converted into two cross-court basketball courts, or eight volleyball courts, or 16 badminton courts. At the east end of the building are two championship handball courts, complete with spectator windows.

The dome was designed by the Shreveport architectural firm of Somdal-Smitherman-Sorensen-Sherman and Associates. Whitaker Construction Company of Shreveport was the contractor, while the Temcor Company of California erected the gold-colored dome.



SENIORS LAST TIME OUT

Six seniors, Steve Burkhalter, Greg Haddox, Cherokee "Chief" Rhone, Morgan Sanders, Jerry Smith and Rusty Ward, will be making their final appearance in the Gold Dome tonight against Mercer University dressed in maroon and gold.

"This group is special," said head coach Tommy Canterbury. "I recruited last year's class, but I wasn't the head coach then. This is my first class as head coach. Our first year here was a poor one and I was coming into a new coaching job and this class got us back on the road again."

Tommy's first class consisted of two players from Ruston, Louisiana, Haddox and Burkhalter. In their first season they were 9-20, but Canterbury visited them in the summer and told them he was going to change personnel and bring in some local players with character.

What Canterbury didn't tell Burkhalter and Haddox was the "Chief" was coming to Centenary along with Smith and walkon Sanders. In his second class the Gents produced its first winning season, going 15-14 on the year, in three years. The following season, Canterbury brought in a junior college player named Ward to add to the team's flavor. The end result was another winning season and Centenary was once again considered a contender by its opponents.

"They're all part of it," said Canterbury. "That's why this group is so special. We were fighting with a short stick and they have turned it around. They could have left when it was tough, but they stayed with us. The end result is we are guaran-

teed our third winning season."

Among the achievements of this class, they captured the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament Championship during the 1979-80 season with a 15-14 overall record. They were 1-8 to start the season and finished with a seven game winning streak. In addition, they were 16-12 last year and finished fourth in the TAAC.

"They have really helped our recruiting, too," Canterbury said. "We don't hide our players from our recruits, we like to show them off, as we will the recruits we have right now, because this is the type of players we want. They are winners and have character."

Four of the six seniors were not offered Division I scholarships anywhere except at Centenary. Canterbury signed them on knowing their capabilities and their effort put forth this season has been above and beyond the call of duty.

"Anytime you see an athlete give the maximum effort," Canterbury said, "it makes you feel pretty good inside as a coach. These guys have given it their all for three and four years and they're the ones that have helped us down the stretch drive this year."

Rhone, a three-year starter, is the obvious blue chipper, but the other five players have contributed a great deal, especially this year. For instance, Sanders had played in only 14 games in two years but has already played in 15 this year. He is averaging 1.3 points per game and has come off the bench to spark the Gents on several occasions.

Burkhalter is currently averaging 7.5 points per game, but in his

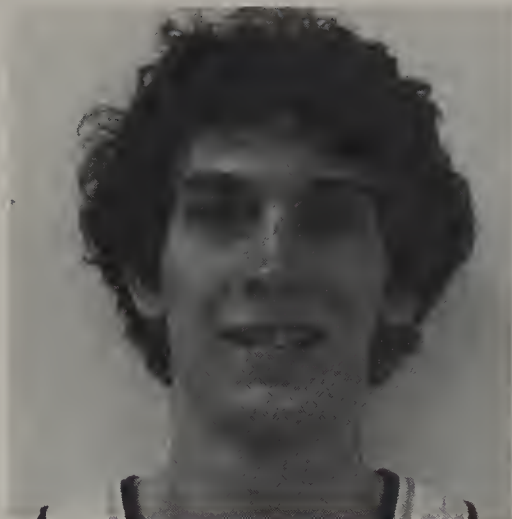
previous three seasons he was averaging 5.1 points. He has been a steady player for Centenary and his leadership skills will be missed a bunch.

Haddox is known for his sharp shooting and leadership skills. Haddox came off the bench earlier in the season and sparked the team to an 80-74 win over Morehead State University. He is averaging 1.1 points per game and is the team captain.

Ward came to Centenary after a successful two-year stay at Western Oklahoma Junior College. Rusty has great potential and is averaging 6.1 points per game. He has come in and led the team on several occasions this year, most notably when he came in and scored 17 second half points against Arkansas-Little Rock.

Smith is a very good outside shooter and is averaging 2.3 points per game as a Gent. He is capable of scoring anywhere on the floor and is averaging 1.0 rebounds.

Not least, but last of all, is the "Chief". Everyone knows who the "Chief" is, and everyone loves him. He's going to be missed dearly by his teammates, but most of all, by the coaches. Canterbury coached Rhone at Springhill High School and has had him under his wing for seven years. Rhone is currently averaging 17.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. He started off slow because of his knee injury, but he's fully recovered and back to natural form. He will leave Centenary as the 10th leading scorer and sixth leading rebounder in Centenary history, in only two full seasons, and a half.



Greg Haddox
1.1 points, 0.3 rebounds



Steve Burkhalter
5.7 points, 1.5 rebounds



Jerry Smith
2.0 points, 1.0 rebounds



Rusty Ward
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Morgan Sanders
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Cherokee "Chief" Rhone
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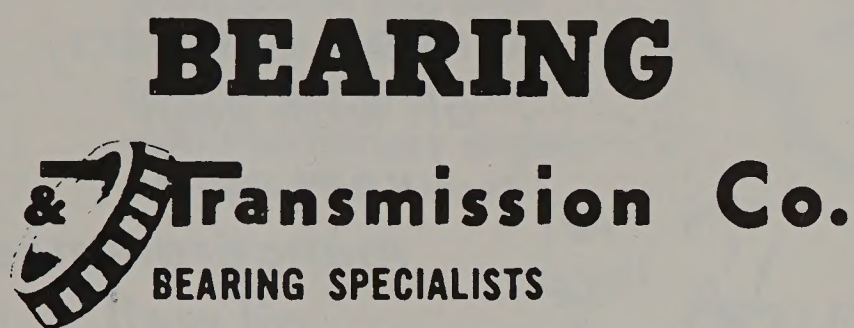
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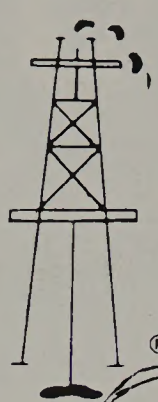
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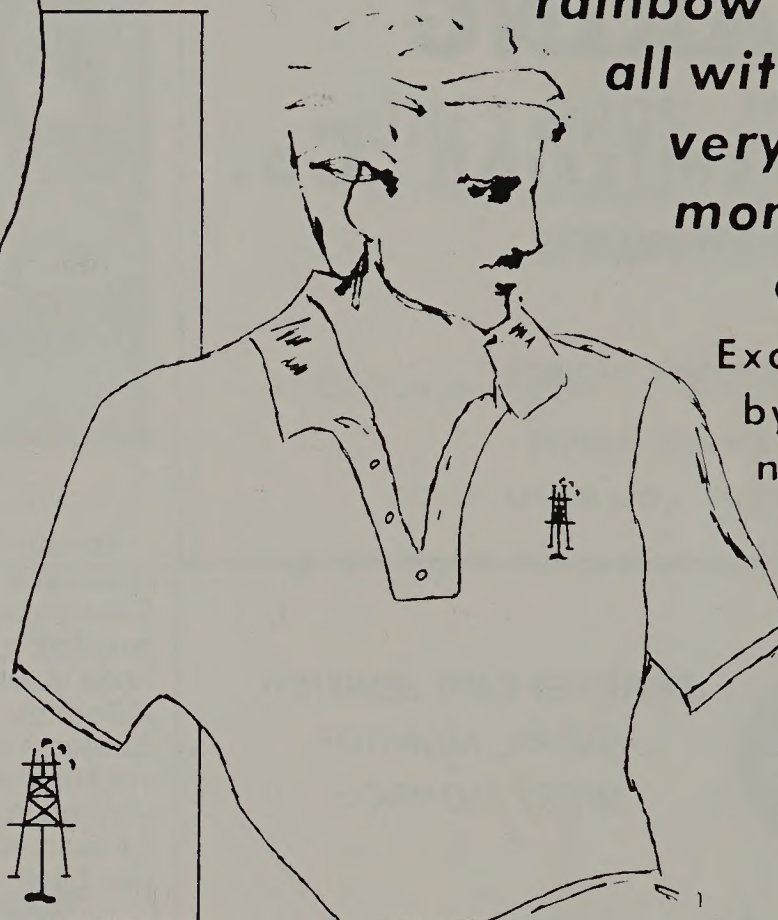
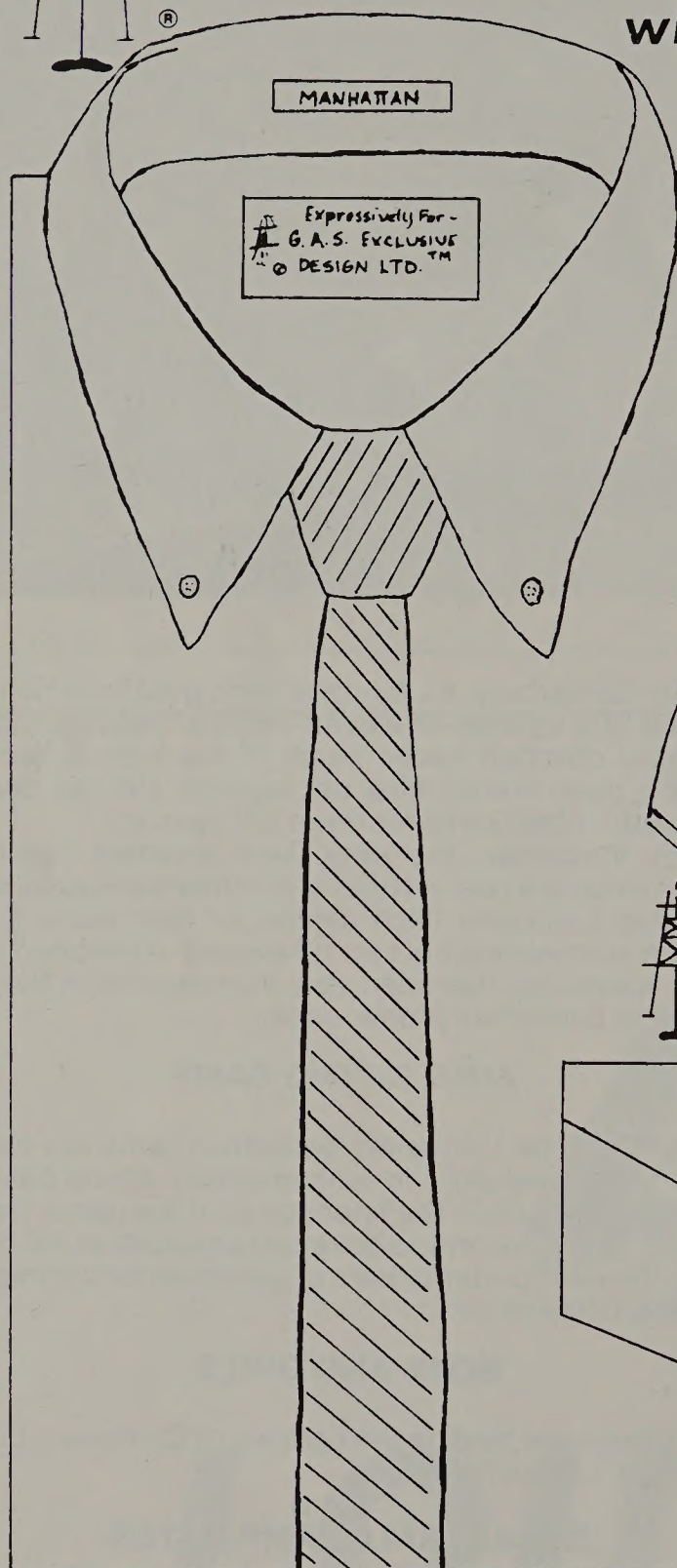
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